

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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> RE: MUR 4317 and MUR 4323 Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer Huckabee Election Committee Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer The Honorable Mike Huckabee

Dear Mr. Ginsberg and Mr. McGahn:

This is to advise you that on April 13, 1999, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found probable cause to believe in MUR 4317 that the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b, a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended; however, after considering the circumstances of this matter the Commission determined to take no further action with respect to this violation. The Commission also found probable cause to believe in MUR 4323 that the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, the Huckabee Election Committee and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, and the Honorable Mike Huckabee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b, but again determined to take no further action. In MUR 4317 the Commission rejected a recommendation to find probable cause to believe the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A), and in MUR 4323 the Commission determined to take no further action with regard to a violation of the same provision. The Commission then closed the files in these matters.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon

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as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the senior attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel